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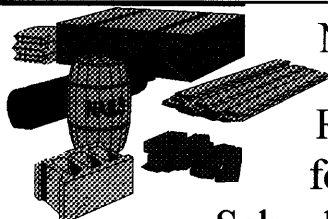
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Friends Group forms for State Park

(Lamoine) — In an effort to improve the facility at Lamoine State Park, several citizens and park users have formed a new, non-profit group called "Friends of Lamoine State Park". The group held its organizational meeting on September 4th at the urging of Selectmen. Donna Fennelly was elected President, Glenn Crawford Vice-President, Cookie Patten Treasurer, and Jim Patten Secretary.

The first project for the group is installation of a street light at the boat ramp in the state park. It's estimated the project will cost about \$1,000 for materials, equipment, and labor, though much of the project is being donated. The light will greatly aid those using the harbor facility at night. The State of Maine will pay for the electric bill. Lamoine voters will be asked to transfer money from the harbor fund to pay for the project. In the meantime, the money will come out of the general fund.

The next meeting is October 2nd at 7:00 at the Town Hall.



New Roof for School

by Anne Gommel

(Lamoine) — At the March town meeting, the School Committee promised to develop a plan to address school building needs. During the summer, the Committee assessed mechanical, electrical and structural conditions, and created a list of needed improvements and prices. The list was then prioritized. The immediate needs are the roof (with ice protection), air quality in the town owned portable classroom, handicapped access, and upgraded wiring for computers.

The school recently received a \$19,500 computer grant to purchase ten PowerMac 5260's.

The school committee has accepted a bid from Sinclair Builders to replace the roof this fall. Further financing is not anticipated for the roof repair. The budget will be re-evaluated as the board progresses with other projects which may be accomplished this year.

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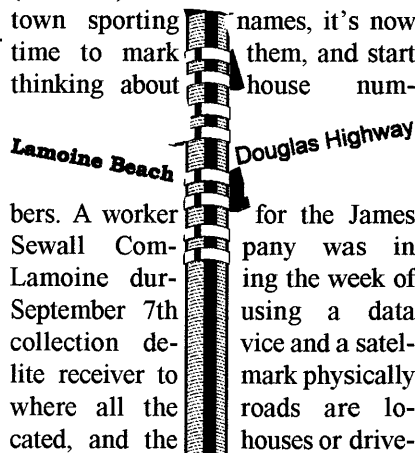
Road Numbers Assigned, Signs Made

(Lamoine) — With all the roads in town sporting names, it's now time to mark them, and start thinking about house num-

bers. A worker for the James Sewall Company was in Lamoine during the week of September 7th using a data collector and a satellite receiver to mark physically where all the roads are located, and the ways along those roads.

The data is to be sent to the State Office of Geographic Information Services, which will then produce a detailed map of the town, showing each home's location. From that map, we'll be able to correctly assign house numbers.

The postal service says it will still be several months before the postal addresses will change. Signs will be installed in October. They were made by inmates at the Penobscot County Jail in Bangor.



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Election Day is November 5th

(Lamoine) — Vote early might be good advice for the upcoming election on November 5th. Traditionally, turnout is the heaviest for a presidential election, and this year looks to be a hot race.

You'll have more than just the presidential race to help decide. There is a US Senate race to fill William Cohen's seat. Two challengers face incumbent John Baldacci for the US House seat in our district. On the local scene,



Lamoine resident R a l p h m i s c h a l - lenger in- cumbent Jill Goldthwaite for the State Senate seat. Incumbent Bill Pinkham of Lamoine is facing challenger Ann Atkinson of Hancock for the State House seat in our district.

In one of the more confusing situations in recent memory, all Maine voters will decide on the future of forestry. The three part question will be on the referendum ballot. Question 2A asks if you support the citizen petition question. Question 2B asks if you support the forestry alternative favored by the state Legislature. Question 2C asks if you support neither. You can make only one choice.

The real complications come after the outcome. If one of the three questions gets over 50% support, that's the end of the story. If none gets a majority, but two get over 33% support, there will be a runoff election. It's not clear when that runoff might occur.

Five Selectmen?

(Lamoine) — Ever since formation of Lamoine, the Board of Selectmen has numbered three. An effort is under way that may increase the number to five.

Resident Robert Christie approached the Selectmen in September, asking that they initiate a special town meeting question for the November ballot to increase the size of the board to five. Christie said the increase might offer greater diversity to the board, offering more viewpoints to be discussed.

Selectmen were reluctant to order the town meeting on their own, and urged Christie to gather signatures of citizens who would support a vote on the idea. If enough signatures are presented to the Selectmen the question could be voted upon November 5th.

None of the Selectmen endorse or oppose the idea of an increased board. If the question passes, the board size would increase next March. The two new positions would be for staggered terms, with a two year post and a one year post to be elected with the normally vacated 3-year slot.

Absentee Balloting is Simple

(Lamoine) — If you cannot vote in person, voting by absentee ballot is easy. You may come to the town office during business hours and vote absentee then. You may also request ballots by phone. Ask the Town Clerk for details.

Town Hall hours

(Lamoine) — At the request of many readers, here are the normal business hours for the town hall:

Town Administrator

M-F 9:00 am to Noon
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
(on occasion the office is closed for outside meetings, classes, road work & the like. Closings are on the answering machine and posted in the door)

Town Clerk

Thurs 10:00 am - 6:00 PM
Fri. 10:00 am - 4:00 PM
Sat 8:00 am - Noon

Phone 667-2242

Renewal Time!

If there is a red stripe on your mailing label, this will be your last Lamoine Quarterly. Clip out the slip below and send \$4 for renewal to Lamoine Town Office, RR2 Box 53, Ellsworth, ME 04605!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____

Zip _____

If you have a separate summer & winter address, please indicate which months you reside where. Subscription is \$4/year

Selectmen ink gravel sale agreement

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Selectmen and Doug Gott and Sons, Inc. have agreed to the sale of just over 75,000 yards of gravel on town owned land. The town will receive one dollar per yard for the gravel removed by the contractor.

The agreement was signed in August after a lengthy investigation of the plan by town officials. At a special town meeting in July, several questions were raised about a previous sale of gravel by the town. Voters rejected a question to dedicate the funds from the sale to construction needs at the school.

The previous sale was investigated, and a survey done to figure how much gravel was sold in return for work at the transfer station. It turned out approximately 1,475 yards of town owned gravel was given to the contractor in return for about \$3,000 in labor and materials for the transfer station.

The new deal will eliminate a small hill of gravel in the back corner of the old landfill lot. When the material is gone in three years, the contractor has agreed to restore the area to a proper slope, and revegetate is in accordance with state law and local ordinance.

Selectmen felt the sale could not be bid out, as the Gotts own the abutting land, and would be the only landowners accessible to that much gravel. Due to the 25 foot setback requirements unless an agreement was reached, the amount of gravel available to others in that area was around 40,000 cubic yards.

The first check for the sale was received in September. The money, unless dedicated by town meeting, is in the general fund.

Water Tests at old dump positive

(Lamoine) — Water testing conducted at wells surrounding the now closed and capped landfill show encouraging results. Two wells may be slightly contaminated by leachate from the old dump, but the pollution does not yet appear to be spreading downstream.

The town's water monitoring engineers, Engineering Dynamics of Bangor, conducted the tests in January 1996. Results from testing conducted in July 1996 have not yet been compiled.

Engineering Dynamics concluded that no standards for primary drinking water have been violated, but some secondary standards were, particularly in Iron, Manganese, and total dissolved solids. Further analysis is needed and subsequent testing will be needed.

The report does caution that some of the some of the tests for contaminants are higher than a previous round of testing, which may be due to less dilution from runoff due to the capping of the landfill.

The report also concludes "water quality results do not suggest the landfill has impacted the water quality for the wells closest to the landfill." It also states "water quality is not at this time posing a threat to the consumers"

In other water news, tests on two residences contaminated by the old salt/sand pile near the transfer station show that situation has now cleared up. Two water filter systems maintained by the town will no longer be maintained, and offered to remain with the two homeowners, so long as they keep them in good condition.

Grants received for town

(Lamoine) — The town has received a grant to implement the recently passed comprehensive plan. The State Planning Office has matched town funds on a 3-to-1 basis to make \$12,500 available. Most of the project will include codification of the various town ordinances. Other small projects include historic site identification, senior citizen monitoring, and a forestry ordinance plan. The Hancock County Planning Commission has been contacted to perform the bulk of the paper work.

A \$2,000 grant for the school is in the works for an Arts Program. A questionnaire was sent home with students and they are still being accepted at the school and town office. The grant will bring artists, events and materials to the schools of Union 92.

Budget Time

(Lamoine) — The fall of the year means budget time for all town departments. The budget committee will meet October 21st and on Mondays through January to formulate the requests for town meeting.

One area the Selectmen asked the committee to pay attention to is assessing. The work load for the elected board of assessors has become overwhelming. An assessor's agent option is being explored.

The Selectmen also asked that budget increases be kept to the rate of inflation, which is generally about three percent. The tax rate this year was 10 mills, which is one half of one percent higher than the previous year.

Finally, voting for budgets may be by referendum this year. Stay tuned for details in January!



Skating Rink Proposed for Lamoine

(Lamoine) — Several residents have talked in the past few years about building a skating rink in Lamoine. The idea never seemed to get very far, but there is some movement this year.

Resident Janet Mullen pitched the idea to the Selectmen in August. She volunteered to lead the effort to find a suitable location, and obtain the knowledge needed to effectively run a skating rink and program for the town.

The idea was referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee which met and discussed the pros and cons of such a program. One concern is liability insurance. Our carrier is able to cover such things for an additional premium.

One location proposed would be behind the Lamoine Consolidated School. The school committee is being approached with the idea. Alternative sites are also under consideration.

If the plan is successful, the Fire Department will be called on to initially flood the rink, which would be only a few inches deep. Volunteers would likely keep it plowed off.

One consideration was the Bloomfield Park area, but the feeling is that the ice is very unstable at times, and it could present a danger to families skating there.

License That Pooch!



Happy Dogs are licensed!

(Lamoine) — State law requires that all dogs be licensed. The deadline for licensing dogs is January 1st, although there is a grace period during January for stragglers.

Licensing is relatively simple. For those dogs already licensed, renewal means only that you bring in a current rabies certificate. New dogs require current rabies, and if applicable, a spaying or neutering certificate. Licenses are normally available from mid-November on.

Parks & Rec improves Beach Park

(Lamoine) — The Parks & Recreation Committee has put a lot of time and effort into keeping the two parks in town neat, clean and functional.

At Lamoine Beach Park, two new picnic tables were added this summer. Two other tables from the park will be moved to Bloomfield Park at Blunt's Pond in the fall. The town thanks CJ Boynton who put the tables together.

Lori Boynton, the co-chair planted flowers. Co-chair Bob Christie did some needed fence repairs. More work is set for the fall.

October is Town's busiest month

(Lamoine) — Don't be surprised if you have to wait in line at the Town Office if you have to transact business in October. It is traditionally the busiest month of the year.

As you know, real estate taxes are due October 31st, and many folks pay right around that due date. Additionally, vehicle registrations that expire October 31st seem to be very numerous

That's not all that brings folks in to see the town office staff. Hunting season begins in November, and that always brings a flurry of license sales toward the end of October.

This year, there is one more item which will add population to the town hall in late October — voting. The presidential election is November 5th, and some folks plan to be out of town and will want to cast ballots early, which is permissible. Additionally, new residents may want to register early, as same day registration can also cause delays. Our advice is to do your business toward the first of October to avoid long delays.

Code Enforcement Vacancy

(Lamoine) — The town is in the process of hiring a new code enforcement officer. John Fink and Sally Bell have resigned as CEO and Building Inspector and deputies, creating the opening. They will remain with the town as Local Plumbing Inspectors. The Selectmen intend to have a new CEO hired in October.

New Fire Truck in Service

(Lamoine) — The town's newest fire truck is now ready to roll to fire calls. Truck 405 is a 1986 Chevy 4X4 one ton pickup truck. The town purchased it from military surplus last winter, and the fire department has put a lot of time and money into refurbishing the truck into a first class piece of equipment.

Chief Engineer Mo Oliver designed a pump and tank, and it was built during the summer by K & T Environmental Equipment Corporation in Island Falls. The members have trained on the truck, and it will be very effective putting out woods and brush fires.

The truck can also act as a rapid response vehicle on accident calls, and a command vehicle on other types of calls.

The fire department raised several thousand dollars (see auction article) to paint and equip the truck which should last us many years to come.

One Killed in Lamoine Crash

(Lamoine) — A 27-year old man from Northeast Harbor died following an automobile accident in Lamoine in July. Peter Lukens was thrown from the Saab which lost control on Route 204 near the Pinkham farm. Another vehicle occupant, Geoffrey Hubbs, survived the crash, but was also thrown from the vehicle. Neither man wore a seat belt.

The Sheriff's Department investigated, and County Ambulance and the fire department performed the rescue operations. The Selectmen have informed the DOT that area seems to be a dangerous curve.



Firefighters' Supper October 19th

(Lamoine) — Plan to join the rest of town at the annual Lamoine Fire Department Chowder supper on Saturday, October 19, 1996 at 5:00 PM. The menu is Clam Chowder, casseroles, rolls, cole slaw, baked beans, and pie, along with coffee, milk, or water.

The firemen will be selling tickets door to door on Sunday, October 13th. If you are not home, you can obtain tickets ahead of time from any firefighter, or you can purchase them at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

The supper is a key fund raiser for the fire department, and is a great chance to meet your neighbors on a nice fall evening.

Heat Tape Warning

(Washington, DC) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued new guidelines for the use of electric heat tapes. Such tapes are used in attics and under floors of mobile homes to keep water pipes from freezing. An estimated 1,500 fires result from faulty heat tape. The

CPSC recommends homeowners replace uncertified heat tapes more than three years old with new tapes, which carry certification with UL, CSA, or FMRC. Always check heat tape for installation instructions.

Fire Free Summer!

(Lamoine) — For the first time in many years, the Lamoine Fire Department had no fire calls to report during the summer months. In fact, emergency runs were few and far between in the summer.

The wet weather had a lot to do with that, as there have been no wildfires reported in town this year. In general people have been very careful about using fire, and obtaining permits before burning.

Auction a big success!

(Lamoine) — The first try at an auction as a fund raiser for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department was an unqualified success. When all the bids were tallied up, the auction raised over \$5,200 for the fire department. The money raised was used to complete work on Truck 405 (see "new truck").

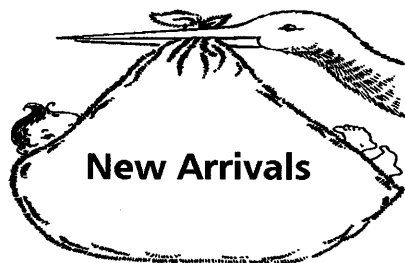
Auctioneer Chas Hare of Stockton Springs generously donated his time and expertise in helping the firefighters gather materials to auction off. Local businesses with Lamoine ties graciously donated goods and services to be auctioned. In particular, the gravel contractors were extremely generous, and their materials fetched very good prices.

The department is already planning next year's event. The time may be changed to an evening to accommodate more bidders.

Schools from page 1

The school board adopted the Union 92 science curriculum which teachers plan to continue to develop during half day curriculum workshops. They are also working on incorporating writing instruction across the curriculum.

The school committee meets regularly on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the school. They also hold frequent workshops on the 3rd Monday of each month. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.



(Lamoine) — Three babies were born to Lamoine residents in the past quarter.

Jaret Patten was born in Bangor on June 25th. His mom and dad, live on Mill Road.

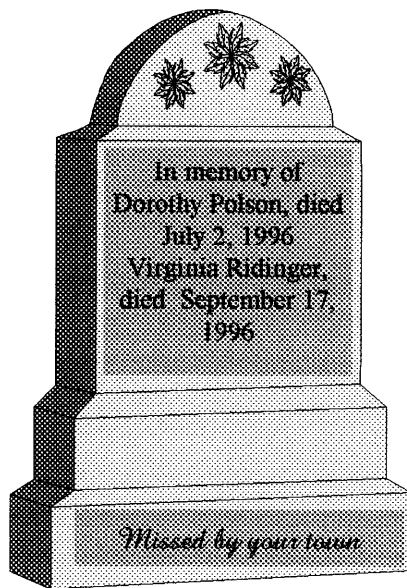
Kristy Eaton arrived at her Buttermilk Road home shortly after her birth in Ellsworth on July 19.

Daniel Saffel is also a new Buttermilk Road resident. He was born on August 1st at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor.

NOT SO NEW...

We say welcome to town to University of Maine President Fred Hutchinson and his wife Dione. They have purchased a home on Lorimer Road in Marlboro.

And, welcome back to David Ashmore, Robin Kauffman, and daughter Anna. David is a former road commissioner who has moved home from Colorado



Several Weddings this Summer!

(Lamoine) — Congratulations to the following couples either from Lamoine or married in Lamoine this summer:

Joseph Wedge and Marie Morneault, wed May 25, 1996

Daniel Foster and Wendy Damon, wed June 14, 1996

Craig Ridley and Shelly Tracey, wed June 15, 1996

Raymond Nason and Darla Coombs, wed June 22, 1996

Kenneth Bragdon and Catherine Day, wed August 17, 1996 (Kay is one of our ballot clerks)

Gerald Sinford and Stacey Eldridge, wed August 31, 1996.

Many couples have started to choose Lamoine as a beautiful wedding setting. It's very flattering!

It's a Girl!?



(Lamoine) — The vital statistics for a town don't show everything. For instance, Clementine who was born September 6th. Clementine is the first donkey in recent history born in Lamoine. Her mom is Shoo Fly, dad is Jack, and they all live with Lori, CJ & Paige Boynton on Route 184 near the school!

Lots of Road Work in Town

(Lamoine) — Summer brought some much needed work on the major and a few minor roads in Lamoine.

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) graded and ditched the entire length of Route 184 to Lamoine Beach. This work will help tremendously with drainage problems which have plagued the road for years. Several culverts were replaced, and some bumps in the road smoothed out. If the road drains better, some of those frost heaves should not reappear.

The Town has resurfaced Clamshell Alley and Cos Cob Avenue, and added pavement to part of the lower end of Seal Point Road. A part of the newly built section of Seal Point Road was blasted in order to correct a drainage problem.

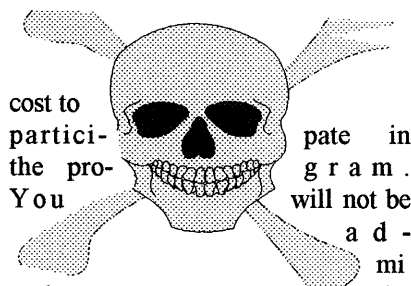
Several bumps caused by culvert repairs on Shore Road and Buttermilk Road were patched over by Jay Fowler. More drainage work on Buttermilk, Shore, and Mill Roads is under way at press time.

Berry Cove Road will get some long overdue work this fall. Doug Gott & Sons has been hired to reshape the road, install ditches and cross culverts to solve a washout problem.

Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Planned!

(Mt. Desert) — The MDI League of Towns is sponsoring a household hazardous waste pickup morning at the Somesville Fire Station on Saturday, October 26, 1996. Lamoine is a league member, and residents are eligible to dispose of household hazards at the pickup.

To be admitted, you must first obtain a permit at the town office. There is no charge for the permit. The town is picking up the \$400



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Permits are on a first come, first served basis at the town hall, and Lamoine will have only 15 to give out.

Materials accepted include oil based paints, pesticides, automobile fluids (though oil can be recycled at many area businesses), lacquers, stains, thinners, cleaning materials, model cement, and other hazards you might have sitting around the garage and basement.

Materials which cannot be accepted include commercial hazards, batteries, radioactive materials, fire extinguishers, propane cylinders, and explosives.

The program won't be repeated for a few years, so take advantage of it now.

Illegal Dumping a problem at times.

(Lamoine) — Most of the towns around Lamoine have started to charge for each bag of trash thrown out, and that has led to an increase in illegal dumping. Transfer station attendant Allen Sternfield reports he finds garbage and unacceptable materials in the dumpsters, left there during the week when it is closed.

Another problem is roadside dumping. Several people have complained that bulky materials have been dumped. Lamoine has an agreement with Ellsworth that residents may obtain a permit to dump bulky waste at their transfer station. You will be charged \$105/ton. If you see someone dumping illegally, please call the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Perhaps the biggest problem at the transfer station has been tires with rims. We can take small tires without rims in the dumpsters, and rims can be put on the metal pile, but they must be separate. It costs the taxpayers money to perform the separation.

Commercial Waste Agreement

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen reached agreement with RF Jordan to allow them to mix their commercial accounts with the residential waste. Jordan will reduce the commercial price to their customers slightly, and pay the town \$2/yard/pickup for the disposal costs.

The agreement will allow Jordan to streamline their operation with no detriment to the town for additional charges at the PERC plant

Sorry, no ads please

(Lamoine) — The Quarterly has been such a hit, we've had some advertising requests from various folks. The Board of Selectmen, which is responsible for the Quarterly, decided it would not accept advertising. The Selectmen felt it would pit government in competition with the commercial newspapers which serve our community, and that would not be a proper use of town funds.

Those receiving the Quarterly by mail do pay a subscription price to offset postage, printing and handling.

Bye-Bye Blacksmith Rd.

(Lamoine) — The Blacksmith Road may cease to exist, if town meeting gives approval next spring. The road cuts across from Rt. 184 (Douglas Highway) to Rt. 204 (Pinkham's Flats) behind the General Store. It has been the scene of frequent illegal dumping recently.

The landowners have asked the Selectmen to consider discontinuing the road, and the Selectmen are looking into that. So far, feedback has been positive.

A town meeting in the 1930's may have authorized discontinuance, but there is no record the Selectmen actually did. In the 1980's, funding was approved to maintain the road, and the name was officially changed from Chicken Hill Road to Blacksmith Road.

Under Maine law, damages are owed to any landowners adversely affected. There are 3 abutters who have said they would waive damages.

Schedule for Next Quarter

October

- 1- 7:00 p.m. - Planning Board @ Town Hall
- 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Friends of State Park @ Town Hall
- 3 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 7- Town Office Closed (Fire Prevention Day at school)
- 7 - 6:30 p.m. School Board @ School
- 8- Office Closed for classes
- 8- Appeals Board time t.b.a.
- 9 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 10 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 14 - Town Office Closed (Holiday)
- 17 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 19 - 5:00 p.m. Firemen's Supper @ School
- 21 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee @

Town Hall

- 23 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 24 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 31 - Taxes Due! (Halloween)
7:00 p.m. Fire Department

November

- 4- 6:30 p.m. School Board @ School
- 5 - Election Day 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. @ Town Hall
- 6 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 7 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 11- Office Closed (Veteran's Day)
- 12 - 7:00 p.m. Planning Board @ Town Hall
- 14 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 18 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee @ Town Hall
- 20 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 21 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 25 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee
- 28 - Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
(no fire department this week)

December

- 2 - 6:30 p.m. School Board @ School
- 2 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee
- 3 - 7:00 p.m. Planning Board
- 4 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 5 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- Hanukkah Begins @ sundown
- 9 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee @ Town Hall
- 12 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 18 - 6:15 p.m. Selectmen @ Town Hall
- 19 - 7:00 p.m. Fire Department
- 23-25 Office Closed,
Administrator's Vacation, holiday
- 30 - 6:30 p.m. Budget Committee

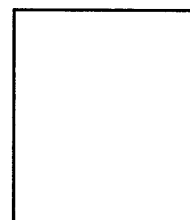
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The town hall phone is 667-2242, and meetings are generally posted a month in advance.

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